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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

23 May 1957

Herewith are four papers, two of them requiring your signature which I felt you should see on 24 May. They are as follows:

1. A mission plot and summary of our latest Middle East mission which was conducted over Syria on 21 May. This is merely for your information and requires no action.

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2. A thermofax copy of the memorandum addressed by [redacted] to Messrs. Quarles, Douglas, Herter, Goodpaster and yourself. You should be aware of the following circumstances concerning this piece of paper. As soon as Goodpaster received it and glanced at his copy, he concluded that this document dealt with matters of so sensitive a nature that they should be handled orally and should not be written in a memorandum distributed to four departments of the Government. Accordingly, he requested that all copies be picked up and destroyed, including the copy addressed to you. This has been done. I had the attached thermofax copy made by one of the girls in my office who is cleared for the project so that you might read it through if you wish. I strongly recommend that even this copy be destroyed after you have seen it.

3. A memorandum for your signature to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, USAF, requesting an extension of [redacted] tour of duty here. I believe this will meet with little resistance and I need not explain to you how essential I feel his presence here is for at least another year. The memorandum is worded in such a way (I hope) as not to raise any issue about the duration of the project. This should go forward immediately.

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4. Concurrence in a contract with Eastman Kodak Company for your signature. This document is similar to many I have presented to you and authorizes our Contracting Officer to execute the contract with Eastman.

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[redacted] It therefore raises no issue of policy for decision.

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.

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